

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

**6pm, Saturday 23rd June 2007
FOPP, Tottenham Court Road**

Attended by 28 members of the club.

Apologies from committee members: Carla Tanis, Louise Foy, Jane Whitefield, Georgina Partridge, Anna Dale-Jones, Selena Robb, Elaine Thompson.

1. Chairman's Welcome

Lindie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the 2006 AGM

Minutes of the AGM held on the 17th June 2006 were reviewed, and no further matters were arising.

Claire Hall proposed the minutes as accurate recordings, Andrea Johnson seconded and all were in agreement.

3. Treasurer's Report

Read by Rosie Bayman on behalf of Anna Dale-Jones.

Cumberland have set up our own bank account and managed our finances independently of the Tennis Club this year. The accounts are in a healthy position with a net gain of £601 for the year. Our current balance is £5151.

Anna originally proposed to keep subs at £100 for the 07/08 season and that we would be able to absorb the costs of a third court being hired. However late news on Friday was received that as well as the cost of affiliations increasing, Camden were raising the cost of court hire from £9 to £12 per hour. From 'back of the envelope' calculations we thought that £5 per member might cover this, but to be on the safe side and hopefully to avoid raising subs two years in a row, the meeting decided to raise subs by £10.

Rosie Bayman proposed raising subs to £110 for the 2007/8 season, Yvonne Beadle seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

We are also having problems with our bank account being frozen due to (unsuccessful) fraud – we are working on this so please be patient.

Anna is stepping down as Treasurer – many thanks to her for all her work.

4. Secretaries' Reports

Secretary – Rosie Bayman

Cumberland has had another great year and is in a good position for next season – some points of note:-



- Due to the new three-squad system and rotation of training plans / coaches, players need to pay attention to the new coaching plan on a weekly basis.
- Our voluntary work developing juniors will continue next year, so please help out where you can
- The club is run entirely by volunteers, so please volunteer in one way or another, whether to sit on the committee or just filling in and going to meetings / umpiring / coaching where you can – we need everyone's help.

Particular thanks to the following people who have really helped out this year:

- Lindie Champion as chair, and her work in producing a club identity
- Jill Cameron, for fulfilling the secretary role whilst Rosie was on sabbatical
- Lois Tucker, for taking over as Kit Secretary and sorting our new kit and tracksuits so quickly
- George Partridge for getting us a huge sponsorship deal
- Yvonne Beadle - for our training ground, coaching over half our players, development of a crucial infrastructure and helping to set up the new county league and for her endless advice and support.

Rosie will be stepping down as Secretary and leaving London in the Autumn, and added: "I've enjoyed every single minute of the seven years that I have played for Cumberland. I will be incredibly sorry to say goodbye, and I wish you all the very best for next season. Remember to embody Cumberland's values of playing hard but fair, positive thinking and strong team spirit – and having fun! Good luck to the new secretary with one of the best jobs you'll ever do, and here's to a fantastic future for Cumberland."

Chairman – Lindie Champion

2006/07 was another busy and eventful year for the Club and Cumberland is well on its way to emerge as a super club. We have a brand new identity, we have defined our values as a club and we have a clear plan in place for the future. The new logo will be visible on the new kit introduced at the start of the 2007/08 season. The new look website will be up and running at the start of the new season.

Our sincere thanks to Ben Stephens for designing the identity and logo, and Paul Champion for the design and build of our new website.

Other highlights of the year include:

- Move to new training facilities in Camden completed successfully
- Bronze accreditation and applying for Silver Caps
- Phenomenal results on court:
 - A team – won both divisions
 - B team – won both divisions
 - C team – won NLNL and runner-up Middx
 - D team – 2nd in NLNL division
 - E team – won promotion in NLNL
 - Junior teams growth & development

This is an exciting time for Cumberland Netball Club. We aim to attract top players to compete successfully in the new leagues, we are committed to develop the next generation of netballers and build CNC into one of the best clubs around.



A big thank you to all who contributed to the success of the club and a special mention should go to the Committee.

Development Secretary – Yvonne Beadle

Key developments this year include:-

- Establishing ourselves at our new training ground
- Working towards Silver CAPS which we hope to achieve by end 2007, and the accompanying Action Plan
- Development of a Duty of Care and Child Protection policy
- Player development, especially youth players
- Umpire development, including one new C award and one new B award gained – still a huge priority for next year
- Access to competition – unfortunately the As did not get into the Regional League but we have three teams well placed to compete in the new county feeder league
- Our new branding and identity.

Thanks to Lindie for the identity, Rosie for her work as secretary, and everyone else who sat on the committee.

Social Secretary – Claire Hall

Our three main events (start of season, Christmas and end of season) have been a great success this year. We have also had a tour, attended two netball tests and involved juniors including an event specifically for them (iceskating) – thanks to Claire Smith, Gemma and Geraldine for helping to organise these. This year the Mixed Rally will be held on Saturday 28th July.

Claire is standing down due to interest in another role so thanks to her for her work.

Rallies Secretary – Carla Tanis

No report was provided.

Junior Secretary – Gemma Hurley

The juniors had a similar season to last year – we had hoped to expand the section by bringing in juniors from local Camden schools – however the support from Camden in doing this did not materialise this year so we are now hoping for this next year. There will be a new sports development officer at Camden in the form of Sonia Mkoloma (England international) so we aim to build a positive relationship with her. If anyone can help out coaching juniors please let Gemma know.

Sponsorship & Publicity – Georgina Partridge

Read by Rosie on behalf of George.

This year has been very successful as we have secured Sponsorship from two sources.

First, Running Bare, a specialist high performance sportswear company, have donated 30 tops to our Upper Squad. They also donated Tshirts for our Race for Life, which was a big success as we raised over £350 for Cancer Research and got some publicity in The Camden New Journal and the Islington Tribune. Running Bare will be attending trials and pre-season where people will have the opportunity to



order Aasics Netball Trainers. Cumberland members get a 10% discount on any trainers and any other merchandise purchased at any of their stores or online.

Secondly, sponsorship was secured through Chris Evans and his company Sustainable Land Plc who have donated £1040 in cash, which will be subsidising our new kit for next season. Access Sport or Sportsmatch will potentially be able to provide further cash matching what we have raised already.

Early on in the season a number of us helped with the Access Sports Junior Skills Day, which was attended by England Netballer Karen Atkinson and schoolchildren from the local area. Some publicity was achieved for the club with a write up and picture in the Netball Magazine.

Plans for next season are to strengthen our links with our sponsors and continue to build a positive profile for Cumberland Netball. Our aim is to attract further funding to continue with the development of the club and its players.

Enquiries – Claire Smith

We have handled 135 enquiries in the past year, of which 11 have joined the club – nearly a 10% conversion rate. We would like to improve this and plan to introduce a Welcome Book next year, so that we can record the details of those who attend training, chase them up and convert (or find out reasons for non-conversion).

We have had 46 registrations for trials this year of which 19 are new – good news for growth, but existing members need to sign up!

Umpires – Geraldine Davies

This has been a tough year as we lost one of our own qualified umpires at the start of the season, and our main umpire Elaine Guinan was injured. However we have built a good database of contacts and things should be easier next year with as we have three more qualified umpires (Rosie who has qualified and two joiners, Rose and Kim). Those who have been on courses please aim to qualify this season as we still need more. Thanks to everyone who has umpired this year and helped out with finding umpires, especially Elaine Thompson. Finally, please offer to help out umpiring at trials.

Geraldine is standing down due to interest in another position – sincere thanks to her and Elaine for all their work in this crucial role.

Kit – Lois Tucker

We have selected new kit (dresses) for next season and also sourced tracksuits, and hoodies from Running Bare.

The dresses, shorts and tracksuits will be discounted thanks to the sponsorship money. This will be pro-rata'd across the first set of 70 of each purchased, resulting in prices as follows:-

- Dress -£13
- Tracksuit £10 for each half
- Shorts £4

Total cost for a set will be £37 although they can be purchased separately.



Running Bare hoodies prices TBC. Running Bare will also be attending trials and early training sessions to offer discounted trainers and other kit.

Welfare – Gemma Hurley

We now have a new child protection policy in place – thanks to Jill Cameron, Geraldine Davies, Claire Smith and Selena Robb. All members should make themselves aware of the policy as junior members play in most teams. Additionally Gemma is available to deal with any issues / concerns of all members.

NLNL – Louise Foy

Louise was not in attendance, but on her behalf Rosie announced the changes for next season:

- We are entering an F team but as our A team is pulling out to play in county and Poly instead, this means all our teams will move up a place. We are trying to adjust this for the Ds (as this would mean Ds in 1st Division), but in any case all teams will have a challenging standard next season.
- New 'dormancy' rule means that players not playing for 3 weeks will be counted as dormant and another player needs to be registered in their place in their team. Jill will take care of this but **captains need to make sure everyone signs the card, and report promptly who has played each week!**

Last year the teams did brilliantly, and the following team trophies were presented:

- As – for winning the Premier division
- Bs – for winning the 1st division
- Cs – for winning the 2nd division
- Es – for coming runners up in the 5th division.

Coaches Report – Yvonne Beadle

Yvonne on behalf of herself and Rebecca Carter

We have benefited from fantastic new facilities at Camden Sports Pitch this season. Training worked well, but based on feedback we are adding a sixth team, and splitting training into three squads (upper, middle, lower, each with 2 teams). Each squad will have a dedicated coach. Training will rotate so that each team can alternate one-on-one sessions with a coach, training up or training for longer, and match play. **Therefore please read the training diary every week.**

We are still trying to find more coaches, particularly for the juniors, and assistants for lower and middle squads. Please contact Yvonne Beadle with any leads.

A huge thanks to Tony for taking over upper squad training in Rebecca's absence.

Tony thanked the club, and congratulated the girls on their performance. Next year we will be inviting in a boys' team for occasional matchplay to toughen up, and focus on qualifying for the regional league.

Yvonne thanked Jill Cameron and Kirsty Smith, whose help with the lower squad was greatly appreciated.



Gemma thanked Claire Smith for her help with the juniors, and also Jane Whitefield, Steph Francis, Lindie Champion and Jo Deverell; and Alice and Ruth for umpiring.

5 & 6. Proposed New Committee Positions and Agreement of Constitution

Yvonne Beadle outlined the following changes to the committee positions, as proposed by the committee and circulated to the club two weeks before the AGM:

- Umpire Secretary rather than Umpires / Fixtures Secretary (to better reflect role)
- Enquiries Secretary rather than Enquiries / Membership secretary (as membership to be put in new position)
- Affiliation and Membership Secretary – new role to remove burden of affiliating & registering players from Treasurer, and monitoring playups from Secretary
- Equipment & Kit Secretary rather than Equipment & Facilities Secretary (to better reflect role)
- Welfare Officer (new position last year but was not added to Constitution)
- Sponsorship Secretary (as publicity to be put in new position)
- Marketing & Publicity Secretary – new role

Yvonne Beadle outlined the changes to the constitution (please see separate document, but mainly reflecting revised committee positions) as proposed by the committee and circulated to the club two weeks before the AGM.

Claire Smith proposed agreement to the changes, Sarah Hyde seconded, and the new constitution was unanimously voted in.

7. Election of Officers for 2006/7 Season

Secretary: Geraldine Davies (proposed by Kirsty Smith, seconded by Jo Stevens, all in agreement)

Affiliations / Membership Secretary: Jill Cameron (proposed by Rosie Bayman, seconded by Lindie Champion, all in agreement)

Development Secretary: Andrea Johnson and Kirsty Smith (proposed by Andrea Johnson, seconded by Sam Cornick, all in agreement)

Treasurer: Provisionally Katrina Wilson (proposed in her absence by Rosie Bayman, seconded by Lindie Champion, all in agreement. The meeting also agreed that if Katrina did not accept the role, the Committee could appoint an alternative)

Chair: Lindie Champion (proposed by Rosie Bayman, seconded by Yvonne Beadle, all in agreement)

The following officers were all proposed by Rosie Bayman and seconded by Lindie Champion, with all in agreement:

Kit Secretary: Lois Tucker

Enquiries Secretary: Claire Smith with Geraldine supporting for Lower Squad

Sponsorship Secretary: George Partridge

Marketing & Publicity Secretary: Claire Hall and Natalie Cowie

Social Secretary: Sam Cornick and Rose McCarter

Rallies Secretary: Carla Tanis

Coaching Secretary: Yvonne Beadle

Welfare Officer: Gemma Hurley



Junior Representative: Ellen Mindel
Umpire Secretary: Emma Wigley

Notes:

Social Secretaries need to work with Rallies Secretary more closely.
Umpire Secretary will be supported by Kim North and Elaine Thompson.

8. Dates, Leagues & Teams for Next Season

First matches on 8th September (NLNL).

9. Any Other Business

None.

10. Player Awards

Coaches' Awards

Upper Squad

Most Outstanding – Laura Paulin

Most Valued – Andrea Johnson

Most Improved – Steph Francis

Most Committed – Kate Groucott

Special mention – Alicia Taylor, for her contribution in getting the A team to the high level they achieved this season.

Lower Squad

Most Outstanding – Julia Hall

Most Valued – Katrina Wilson

Most Improved – Natalie Ekweogwu

Most Committed – Ruth Pritchard

Players' Player Awards

As – Lois Tucker

Bs – Anna Gardner

Cs – Gillian Turnbull

Ds – Sarah Hyde

Es – Ruth Pritchard

Team of the Year

E Team